

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and further examination are requested.

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 6 has been amended so as to address this rejection. As a result, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 is respectfully requested.

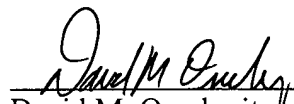
Claims 6-10 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,374,042. Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer linking the present application to U.S. Patent No. 6,374,042. As a result, withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks and the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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